(ख) यदि हां, तो 1947 के बाद किन-किन स्थानों पर बूचड़खाने खोले गये;

(ग) 1947 तक कितने बूचड़खाने विभिन्न राज्यों में थे;

(घ) इनकी संख्या में वृद्धि के क्या कारण हैं;

(ङ) 1947 में कितने पशुओं का इन बूचड़खानों में वध किया जाता था और इसकी तुलना में 1987 में 30 जून, 1987 तक कितने पशुओं का वध किया गया;

(च) क्या देश में पशुओं के वध की बढ़ती संख्या को रोकने का सरकार का कोई कार्यक्रम है और क्या किन्हीं लोगों द्वारा ऐसी कोई मांग की गई है; और

(छ) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है यदि नहीं, तो क्या कारण हैं?

कृषि मंत्रालय में कृषि और सहकारिता विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री योगेन्द्र मकवाणा): (क) से (छ) जानकारी एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

Declaration of Cow as a Nation Animal

1501. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some organisations have requested the Central Government to declare cow as a National Animal;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government propose to accept the demand and if not, what are the reasons for not acceding to the request?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposals have been made on the basis of religious sentiments.

(c) No, Sir. The Tiger has been declared the National Animal.

Land reforms in the States

1502. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD: DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister has through a recent letter urged the Chief Ministers to initiate immediate action on issues relating to land reforms and to ensure proper monitoring of the progress made in regard therto and to get people's active involvement in it;

(b) if so, what were the precise reasons for addressing the Chief Ministers indicating the shortcomings that have come to Government's notice in this regard; and

(c) what is the response from the Chief Ministers thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAMANAND YADAV: (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In view of the importance of land reforms in increasing agricultural productivity and strengthening the drive against poverty, the Prime Minister was intending to discuss the matter with Chief Ministers. Meanwhile, it was felt that Prime Minister's writing to the Chief Ministers may help in sharpening the focus on implementation of land reforms.